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New Grants, New Opportunities

Starting today, the new grants season is officially open. The Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs and its three divisions – the Iowa Arts Council, State Historical Society of Iowa and Produce Iowa – are [accepting applications for grants](#) that will be awarded during the upcoming fiscal year, which starts July 1.

Several grant programs have been modified to provide Iowa arts and cultural organizations more flexibility as they navigate a challenging year. In addition, we remain committed to the creative economy with grant opportunities for creative entrepreneurs, artists and filmmakers. These grants can be catalytic for communities that are looking to renovate a historic district, open new creative businesses and feature their town's unique characteristics in a potential film project.

Start planning now to apply for opportunities below that can impact your organization, community or career.

Application deadline: March 15

- [Iowa Artist Fellowships](#)

Application deadline: May 3

- [Cultural Leadership Partners](#)
- [Iowa Arts & Culture Resilience Grants \(for artists\)](#)
- [Iowa Arts & Culture Resilience Grants \(for nonprofits\)](#)
- [Greenlight Grants](#)

As usual, the Iowa Arts Council staff will offer webinars and scheduled office hours to help applicants through the process. So by all means, please consider applying and help us spread the word.

LEARN MORE & APPLY

Volunteer on a Grant Panel

Would you like to serve on a grant-review panel? The Iowa Arts Council is seeking panelists with artistically and culturally diverse viewpoints to serve on our fiscal year 2022 grants panels.

Volunteering on a panel is a great way to support the arts in Iowa, learn about new ideas and projects, spark interesting conversations, participate in the decision-making process and, as a bonus, strengthen your own skills as a grant writer.

The grant panels will be held virtually, and panelists will receive training and may be eligible for a stipend.

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#IowaKeepsCreating Digital Stage



The Iowa Arts Council recently created a "digital stage" to show that #IowaKeepsCreating even amid the challenges and opportunities of a global pandemic and a reinvigorated national movement for civil rights. Iowa artists and performers are expanding the boundaries of digital media – and audiences have been eagerly listening and watching.

The first slate of videos and music on the stage focuses on a theme of "Resilience," featuring:

- poetry from **Dawson Davenport** from the Meskwaki Settlement
- a music video from **Lily Detaeye** from Iowa City (pictured)
- a narrative video from **Fred Ebong** from Cedar Rapids
- a hit song from **EleanorGrace** from Des Moines

[WATCH THE VIDEOS](#)

[SUBMIT AN IDEA](#)

The 'Lounge' is Open

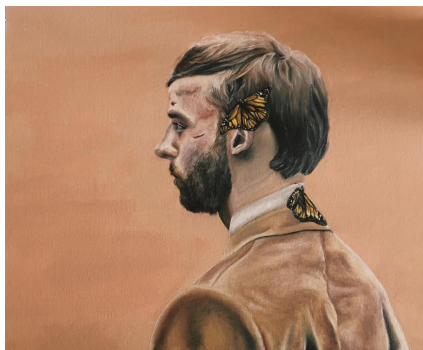
The fifth season of the “The Film Lounge” is underway on Iowa PBS, which co-produces the series with the Iowa Arts Council and Produce Iowa, the state office of film and media production. The season's first episode premiered statewide this past weekend, and the second is coming right up, at 11 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 13, and Sunday, Feb. 14.

You can also catch all the selected short films online after they air on TV, including Lucius Pham's music video "The Call," starring the Des Moines hip-hop artist Teller Bank\$ (pictured).



[SEE THE LINEUP](#)

Iowa Scholarship for the Arts



"I'll Be Good" by Aidan Drake.

Spread the word: Iowa high school seniors who excel in the arts and plan to pursue an arts-related major at an Iowa college or university may now apply for the Iowa Scholarship for the Arts online. Apply by **April 1**.

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Iowa Artist Fellow Spotlight: Levi Robb

[Levi Robb](#) can find all kinds of inspiration in a pile of junk. With a paint roller, the Iowa Artist Fellow from Des Moines likes to coat old vehicles with a mixture of ink and motor oil and then press them with paper. The resulting prints show layers of texture and the rainbow sheen of an oil slick. “I’ve always been attracted to that raw gritty aesthetic,” he explained in [a recent profile](#) on the Iowa Arts Council blog. “I grew up playing in a junkyard.”



Robb and two other 2020 Iowa Artist Fellows will be doing "Instagram takeovers" @IowaArtsCouncil to promote their upcoming work, the work of other Iowa artists and whatever else inspires their creativity. So keep an eye out for them on the next three Fridays:

- Feb. 12: [Catherine Reinhart](#)
- Feb. 19: [Tibi Chelcea](#)
- Feb. 26: [Levi Robb](#)



Grantee Spotlight: Playtime Poppy Children's Theatre and Throughline Arts

Using a Virtual Arts Experience Grant from the Iowa Arts Council, [Playtime Poppy Children's Theatre](#) in Cedar Rapids has teamed up with [Throughline Arts](#) to train teaching artists. Over the course of six sessions from this past January through May, participating artists will learn about Iowa Core Standards, culturally responsive teaching and entrepreneurial skills. They'll also participate in virtual residencies with the Cedar Rapids Community Schools.

Throughline Arts conducted a similar training series to support [Turnaround Arts](#) classroom residencies in Des Moines. If you'd like to host a Teaching Artist Training in your community, please contact Throughline Arts instructor [Christina Farrell](#) (pictured, in a photo from the Cedar Rapids Gazette).

Regional and National Arts Resources

Citizens' Institute on Rural Design

This program offers four local design workshops that address specific community challenges, and an online design learning cohort program that will include up to 15 communities.

APPLY BY MARCH 12

Arts Midwest GIG Fund

The GIG Fund, an acronym for "Grow, Invest, Gather," provides support for Midwestern arts organizations as they rebuild and re-imagine during the continued uncertainty of the Covid-19 pandemic. A webinar on March 2 will unpack the details of the \$2,500 grants that are designed to help artists build capacity and safely engage in community experiences during the pandemic.

APPLY BY MAY 3

Shuttered Venues Operators Grant Webinar Feb. 17

Coming up next week, the U.S. Small Business Administration's Iowa District Office will host two identical webinars offering an overview of the SBA's COVID 19 Economic Assistance Programs, including the new the Shuttered Venue Operators Grant.

Wednesday, Feb. 17 at 10 a.m. on the Microsoft Teams Live session.

Friday, Feb. 19 at 10 a.m. on the Microsoft Teams Live session.

(To participate by phone only: 202-765-1264 - ID 612368408#.)

WATCH WEBINAR ON FEB. 17

WATCH WEBINAR ON FEB. 19

What's Your Story?

Iowa PBS and "American Portrait" are rounding up stories to include in their documentary series. If you have one to share, record yourself finishing one of their 25 prompts – including "The tradition I carry on is ..." and "I took a risk when ..." – and submit it online for a chance to have your story shared in the program.



SUBMIT YOUR STORY BY FEB. 19

Coming Up

Grants

Open: [Coronavirus Relief Fund Registered Apprenticeship Expansion Grant Opportunities](#)

Open: [Freelancers Relief Fund: Theatre Designers](#)

Feb. 15: [Paint Iowa Beautiful](#)

Feb. 17 & May 26: [Wellmark Foundation 2021 MATCH Grant](#)

Feb. 23: [NEA Grants for Arts Projects](#)

March 15: [Iowa Artist Fellowships](#)

March 16: [LIFT: Early Career Support for Native Artists](#)

March 16: [SHIFT: Transformative Change and Indigenous Arts](#)

March 18: [Innovate Grant Winter Cycle](#)

March 30: [Build With Bags Grant](#)

March 31: [USArtists International Grant Program](#)

April 9: [BIPOC Deaf Arts Grant](#)

May 3: [Annuity Freedom Artist Grant](#)

May 3: [Annuity Freedom Black Business Grants & Minority Resources](#)

Student Opportunities

Through Feb. 20: [Can Play Winter Programs](#)

June 1: [ICF Student Composers Competition](#)

Calls for Artists

Feb. 13: [MFA Thesis](#)

Feb. 15-March 15: [Packard Group National Exhibition](#)

Feb. 15: [Greater Des Moines Exhibited XXVII](#)

Feb. 25: [Paint the County](#)

Feb. 26: [The Gottlieb Foundation Individual Support Grant](#)

Feb. 28: [Arte Natura](#)

Feb. 28: [Artist Lab: Art Meets History](#)

Feb. 28: [Marshalltown Mural](#)

March 1: [Muscatine Roundabout Project](#)

March 1: [Sac City Conservation Center Mural](#)

March 12: [ArtHaus Annual Emerging Artist Exhibition](#)

March 12: [CUE Art Foundation](#)

May 3: [Annuity Freedom Small Business Grant for Women](#)

May 3: [Arts Midwest GIG Fund](#)

May 3: [Cultural Leadership Partners](#)

May 3: [Greenlight Grants](#)

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Professional Development

Through Feb. 24: [Rootwork | Grounding Community Arts Education Beyond the Pandemic](#)

March 1: [Live United Awards](#)

March 1: [Change Lab Research Fellowship: Racial Justice in Public Art](#)

March 6: [Business of Art Conference](#)

June 23: [Teaching Artists Guild Webinars](#)

March 19: [Outdoor Ring Out for Art Sculpture Exhibit](#)

March 20: [Survey Exhibition of Contemporary Art by Post-9/11 U.S. Military Veteran Artists](#)

March 21: [ArtsThrive: Art Exhibition and Benefit](#)

March 31: [Stevens Point Sculpture Park](#)

March 31: [Tiny Fiction, Nonfiction, Poetry, or Art](#)

April 6: [Clear Lake Arts Center Sculpture Exhibition](#)

April 28: [Merge: Nation's Best Emerging Artists With Disabilities](#)

May 10: [National Museum of Racing and Hall of Fame](#)

Oct. 31: [Sunspot Literary Journal](#)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

